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BITTER BATTLE IN BESSARABIA, LONDON REPORTS

Russian Assaults on Austro-Hungarian Trenches Fiercely Resisted.

50,000 MEN ARE LOST

Czar's Troops, However, Said to Be Steadily Advancing at South.

RUSS TROOPS 12 RANKS DEEP

Battle in Progress Nearly a Fortnight. Cannon Numbering 3,500 Belch Forth.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Jan. 7.—Russian troops were hurled at the Austrian trenches twelve ranks deep in their smashing drive on the Bessarabian front, according to Petrograd dispatches reaching here today.

The infantry assaults followed a concentrated artillery fire of fifty hours' duration, in which more than 400 guns were engaged.

The losses of the attacking Russians were enormous, according to Austrian reports. The war office report from Vienna tonight states:

"Trustworthy estimates of the Russian losses in the New Year's fighting on the Bessarabian front and in the Stripa region place them at no less than 50,000."

Tremendous Forces Engaged.

This battle, which has now been in progress nearly a fortnight, is raging with particular fury on the front from Tarnopol to Trembovia, southeast of Lemberg. On this sector alone 500,000 men and 3,500 cannon are engaged in unceasing conflict.

Official reports state that the Russians have captured Czortkowsk and a height to the west of the town, while Austrian attacks northeast of Czornovitz are declared to have failed. The Russian report tonight says:

"In the region of Olas the Germans used gas. Near Jacobstadt thirty of our scouts bravely engaged in a hand-to-hand encounter with the German scouts, bayoneting a number of them and capturing 26."

"We captured Czartorysk and the heights to the westward. We took three officers and 76 men. The hostile counter attack failed completely to dislodge us from the town or hill."

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WORKERS RIOT IN OHIO TOWN

Austrian Steel Men Said to Be Pillaging at Youngstown.

THREE MILITIA REGIMENTS
CALLED TO COMMAND PEACE

Nineteen Persons Shot in Battle Between Strikers and Special Police.

Special to The Washington Herald.

East Youngstown, Ohio, Jan. 7.—Six thousand steel strikers, mostly Austrians, tonight are rioting, pillaging and looting here by the light of burning buildings they have fired.

Three regiments of militia have been summoned, but it is feared that unless they arrive quickly the city is doomed. The fire loss already is more than \$300,000.

Nineteen persons were shot, four probably mortally, in a battle between strikers and special police at the plant of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. The strike at this plant is the bitterest. Three other companies are involved—the Republic Steel and Iron Company, the Brier Hill Steel Company, and the Youngstown Sheet and Iron Company. The fight centers about the plant of the sheet and tube company, however, it being declared that war munitions are being manufactured there. The authorities claim that the trouble was fomented by persons interested in closing all ammunition plants.

Miss Renkin Sent to Prison.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Havre, Jan. 7.—Juliette Renkin, sister of the Belgian colonial minister, who was arrested some time ago by the Germans, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment and a fine of 1,000 marks. The nature of the offense alleged against the woman is not known here. She was devoted to charitable work and was highly patriotic.

ENTENTE AMONG REPUBLICS FOR DEFENSE LIKELY

Result of Pan-American Congress Probably Will Be Formation of Alliance.

WOULD BE WORLD MODEL

Western Hemisphere Would Be Knit Together as a Paragon of Peace and Strength.

EXPECT BOUNDLESS BENEFITS

Sessions Will Be Brought to Close Today—Banquet Tonight Will Mark Termination.

The second, and by far, the more important Pan-American Scientific Congress, a gathering of representative statesmen and scientists of the Americas, will be brought to a close today with a general session for the consideration of resolutions adopted by the various sections. Following a visit to Baltimore, as the guests of the city, the delegates will disperse, to meet again five years hence in Lima, Peru.

At the congress now coming to a close, the thoughts of most learned men of the Western Hemisphere, as to the promotion of more friendly intercourse between the republics, in all the branches, have been disclosed.

These thoughts are expected to materialize in the form of an "entente" of the various American countries, that in the best sense of the word will be a defensive entente, and not an offensive entente; a knitting together of the nations of North and South America into an alliance that will serve as a model to the other nations of the world, and with its strength promote an international peace.

The republics of the Americas are expected to derive inestimable benefit from the deliberations of this congress, in finance, science, and education, through the establishment of better trade relations, exchange of professors and students, and the formation of an entente.

Banquet for Tonight.

The social functions of the congress will be completed tonight when the delegates will gather around the banquet table at the New Willard. The affair will be entirely social, though speeches will be made by Judge George Gray, of Delaware, chairman of the United States delegation; the Minister of Costa Rica, the Minister of Bolivia, and James Browne Scott, secretary of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Secretary of State Lansing will preside and will introduce Ambassador Suarez-Mujica, of Chile, president of the congress.

In the final act of the congress, the act of the approval of the proposals of President Wilson will be incorporated. The act will likewise recommend to the governments of the Americas the consideration of the proposals with the idea of immediate acceptance. The delegates from Latin-America individually and generally are enthusiastic in their support of the proposals and of their admiration of the President's frankness in his presentation.

Yesterday afternoon the wives of the delegates were guests of the Congressional Club at a reception.

Law Section Ends Work.

The international law section ended its session yesterday with the reading of the two final papers on its program and the expression of the appreciation of the delegates of the efforts of James Brown Scott, secretary of the Carnegie Endowment, in making the meetings so successful. The final session was presided over by Dr. Alejandro Alvarez, counselor of the Legations of Chile in Europe. In turning over the chair, Dr. Scott declared it seemed most appropriate that the last session should be presided over by a delegate from the country of the president of the congress.

A paper reviewing the recently issued monograph of Dr. Alvarez, entitled "La Grande Guerre Europeenne et la Neutralite du Chile," was read by Dr. Eduardo Sarmiento Laspiur, professor of international law and diplomacy in the universities of Buenos Aires and La Plata. At its conclusion a vote of thanks was extended Dr. Alvarez for his contribution to literature and for his efforts in diplomatic and other conferences toward the advancement of international law. This vote also was extended to Dr. Laspiur for his excellent presentation.

Dr. V. M. Pena Penaherrera, of the University of Quito, Ecuador, submitted a paper on the institution of the jury system.

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The New Sunday HERALD at ONE CENT will contain all the real news that you can get in the other Sunday morning papers combined—only the price is ONE CENT instead of five cents.

President and Mrs. Wilson Receive Four Thousand At Initial Public Reception

White House Social Event, Given in Honor of Pan-American Diplomats and Delegates, Scene of Charming Beauty and Gala Attire.

By MILDRED MARSHALL KOONCE.

The initial hospitality of the White House social season went down into the annals of the Executive Mansion as one of the most brilliant affairs in history, as well as the largest reception ever held there. With a distinguished President and a charming bride as hosts, and the Latin-American representatives of powerful republics as the guests of honor, a unique interest attached to the occasion such as scarcely occurs in a decade of official entertaining. The reception last evening served a triple part in closing the visit of the distinguished Latin-Americans, ushering into the Capital the real social season of 1916 and inaugurating the new social regime at the White House.

More than 4,000 guests assembled in the historic East Room, including distinguished visitors from twenty republics of the Western Hemisphere, as well as a brilliant gathering from the diplomatic representatives of the Latin-American countries, the official contingent of Washington society, the army and navy set, and the residential circles of the Capital.

Season's Loveliest Gowns.

The East Room, with its crystal chandeliers aglow and its walls palm-banked, was a superb setting for so prom-

inent a gathering. The loveliest gowns of the season were worn at the White House and there were jewels worth the proverbial king's ransom. The army and navy officers appeared in the full-dress uniform of their rank.

Promptly at 9:30 o'clock, the Marine Band, stationed in the entrance hall, struck up "Hail to the Chief" and the President and Mrs. Wilson, followed by the entire receiving party, proceeded down the stairway and entered the Blue Room to which the line of guests eventually wended its way. Mrs. Wilson took her place next to the President. The Vice President and Mrs. Marshall followed. The ladies of the Cabinet completed the party, standing in the order of their husbands' precedence. For the first time, Mrs. Lansing, wife of the Secretary of State, took her place in the line, together with the President's daughter, Mrs. William Gibbs McAdoo, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, and Mrs. Thomas Watt Gregory, wife of the Attorney General.

The pan-American visitors, as the guests of honor, were ushered into the presence of the President first, the dele-

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Probe Into Affairs of D. C. Officials Asked of House

Representative Cary, of Wisconsin, Introduces Resolution Calling for Thorough Investigation of Departments. Would Know Whether Favors Have Been Accepted.

A resolution calling for a sweeping investigation of the affairs of "certain District officials" by the House District Committee was introduced in the House yesterday by Representative William J. Cary, of Wisconsin.

When asked last night what branches of the District government would be included in the proposed inquiry, Representative Cary said:

"Why, the entire District government needs investigating—from the bottom up. Representative Cary admitted that the probe would include the police department and the workhouse farm at Occoquan, Va. When asked if he had any concrete evidence to offer Congress, the member from Wisconsin said that if he could get authority from the House to conduct an investigation he would 'produce the evidence.'"

Representative Cary stated that at the recent fiscal inquiry and at other District hearings in recent years "facts were brought out that require closer attention and should be gone into deeper."

Keeps Back Details.

Mr. Cary declined to discuss his charges in detail, saying that he might let something out prematurely. The resolution makes no direct charges, merely asking for an investigation to determine whether "the action of this House is necessary concerning alleged official misconduct by certain officials of the District government."

COASTERS WELCOME SNOW.

Merry Parties Gather on City's Hills. Sleigh Bells Jingle.

Youngsters who found that Santa Claus had left them bob sleds on Christmas morning had a good chance to use them last night, following Washington's first big snow of the winter, and Thirteenth street hill in front of the Franklin School Building and other hills in the city were dotted until a late hour with merry coasting parties.

A few persons who survived the financial depression following the Christmas holidays planked down the price of a hired sleigh and the merry jingle of sleigh bells was heard on the avenue.

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British Submarine Lost Off Holland

Grounded and Leaking, But Crew Is Saved and Interned.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Jan. 7.—The sinking of a British submarine off the coast of Holland was officially announced today. The crew was saved.

The admiralty statement says that the submarine, the name of which is not given, was sunk yesterday off the island of Texel, the largest and most southwesterly of the Frisian group. The entire crew, numbering thirty-three, was rescued by the Dutch cruiser Noord Brabant and brought into the Dutch port of Heider.

The Hague, Netherlands (via London), Jan. 7.—The ministry of marine announces that a British submarine which was flying signals of distress was encountered by the Dutch cruiser Noord Brabant outside of Dutch territorial waters.

The accident to the submarine was due to the fact that it grounded and sprang a leak, having taken the wrong course of Noordhiden. The crew has been interned in the naval barracks.

Thieves Make Big Haul at St. Paul. St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 7.—One million dollars' worth of revenue stamps and \$600 in cash was the loot of yeggs who blew the vault in the United States government building here last night.

Baltimore and Ohio to Baltimore, 11:50 round trip every Saturday and Sunday; good returning until 9 a. m. Monday.—Adv.

Germany Will Punish Sub Officers Violating Laws

The German Ambassador yesterday left at the Department of State under instructions from his government the following instructions:

1. German submarines in the Mediterranean had, from the beginning, orders to conduct cruiser warfare against enemy merchant vessels only in accordance with general principles of international law.

2. All cases of destruction of enemy merchant ships in the Mediterranean in which German submarines are concerned are made the subject of official investigation, and, besides, submitted to regular prize court proceedings.

3. If commanders of German submarines should not have obeyed the orders given to them, they will be punished; furthermore, the German government will make reparation for damage caused by death of or injuries to American citizens.

HIT SCHOOL CHANGE PLAN

Northwest Suburban Citizens Score District Commissioners' Proposal.

CALL SCHEME SELFISH MOVE
TO GRATIFY POLITICAL AIMS

Association Also Protests Against Suggested Increase in Salary for D. C. Officials.

Charging that the Commissioners are endeavoring to gain control of the local school system "to gratify political and selfish ambitions and desires," the Citizens' Northwest Suburban Association last night adopted a resolution opposing any change in the present school system.

The resolution was introduced by Frederick J. Heider and passed unanimously. The resolution provides that the question be brought up by its delegate to the meeting of the Citizens' Association at the meeting of that body in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce tonight. Commissioner Oliver P. Newman is expected to attend the federation meeting and explain why he and his colleagues made the recommendation to Congress which has met with such united opposition by the citizens of the District.

The association adopted a resolution, introduced by Rankin H. Rice, protesting against the recommendation of the Commissioners for an increase in their own salaries. "As the present salary is amply sufficient for the service performed, the present Commissioners, if they are not satisfied with the salaries they now receive, which is more than they ever earned before in private life, should resign their office," reads the resolution.

The resolution calls upon the other associations to take similar action. Copies of the resolution will be sent to the Commissioners and to both District committees of Congress.

The resolution opposing the proposed change in the school system reads: "Whereas the Commissioners in their estimates for the fiscal year 1917 have recommended that the Board of Education be abolished and that the control of our public schools and all appointments therein be transferred to the Commissioners; and

"Whereas said attempted transfer is a political scheme to destroy the integrity, efficiency and purity of our public school system, which is now and has been for many years satisfactory to the patrons and teachers, as well as the taxpayers; therefore, be it

"Resolved, by the Citizens' Northwest Suburban Association, that we regard this recommendation as a sinister attack on our present model school system for political and personal control to gratify political and selfish ambition and desires."

WHITE HOUSE GUESTS HURLED FROM CARRIAGE

Daughter of Former Secretary of Agriculture and Miss Gillette Injured While Riding Home.

While returning home from the White House reception shortly before 12 o'clock last night, Miss Flora Wilson, daughter of the former Secretary of Agriculture, and Miss Arville Gillette were thrown from their carriage in East Executive avenue. Miss Wilson sustained bruises about the arms and body, and Miss Gillette's left arm was broken. The driver of their carriage was arrested for violation of police regulations in leaving his seat to recover his hat just before the accident.

The horses became frightened at a passing vehicle and swerved the carriage. The young women were hurried to the residence of Miss Gillette, 225 R street northwest, in a taxicab, where they were treated by Dr. James F. Mitchell.

Score Hurt in Stoy, Ill., Explosion. Sullivan, Ind., Jan. 7.—A telephone message from Stoy, Ill., on the border between Indiana and Illinois late today said that a nitro-glycerine plant there was blown up late this afternoon and that a score of persons had been injured.

BERLIN PROMISES TO OBSERVE WORLD LAWS IN ALL HER SUB WORK

Germany Voluntarily Assures U. S. That Undersea Activities in Mediterranean will Conform With International Rules

VIOLATORS TO BE PUNISHED

Teutonic Advances Believed to Have Been Prompted by Sinking of Persia—Action Lightens Tension and Clears Way for Dispute's Settlement.

Germany, on her own initiative, has given formal assurances to the United States that her submarine activities in the Mediterranean are being and will be conducted strictly in accordance with international law.

Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, yesterday delivered to Secretary Lansing a memorandum from Berlin containing the pledges of the German government.

Germany voluntarily assures the United States that any submarine commander who should have failed to obey these orders will be punished; also that the German government will make reparation "for damage caused by death or injuries to American citizens."

While the German Ambassador assured Secretary Lansing that his government had no information in

regard to the sinking of the British steamship Persia with United States Consul McNeely on board, it is apparent that the new German assurances have resulted from that case. In fact, the German government seems to conceive it as a possibility that a German submarine may have sunk the Persia, for it says in the memorandum:

Settlement in Sight.

In the opinion of persons close to the German Embassy the new proposals submitted by Germany has brought the issue nearer a settlement, and the prediction was made that a satisfactory agreement will be reached after one or two more conferences between the Ambassador and Secretary Lansing.

In the memorandum which the German Ambassador delivered to the State Department yesterday Germany goes further in the way of giving assurance than in any previous communication. She promises fully to observe every item of international law in her submarine operations in the Mediterranean, and declares that instructions to that effect were given to her submarine commanders. In her previous assurances, affecting the so-called war zone, Germany promised merely that "liners" would not be sunk without warning and without safeguarding the lives of passengers. In the Mediterranean Germany pledges herself not to sink freight as well as passenger vessels until after the passengers and crews have been put in places of safety.

Prize Court Proceedings.

"All cases of destruction of enemy merchant ships in the Mediterranean in which German submarines are concerned are made the subject of official investigation and, besides, submitted to regular prize court proceedings. In so far as American interests are concerned, the German government will communicate the result to the American government. Thus also in the 'Persia' case if the circumstances should call for it."

The presentation of the German memorandum served to lighten the tension that has existed in official circles ever since the sinking of the Persia. The mere fact that Germany has seen fit to take this step on her own initiative, following so closely on the assurance given by Austria in her reply to the Ancona note, is regarded by Washington officials as significantly as the assurances themselves. The action by Germany is taken as further evidence of the desire on the part of the Central powers to avoid a break with the United States and to go as far as possible in satisfying the demands of this government.

With the receipt of the German memorandum the hope of this government reaching a satisfactory understanding with both Germany and Austria on all phases of the submarine question became noticeably brighter, but American officials have been disappointed so many times before that they refrained from making predictions.

At the same time that Count von Bernstorff presented the memorandum on the submarine activities in the Mediterranean he took up with Secretary

British U-Boat Gets Near Turkey.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Jan. 7.—An Athens dispatch to the Chronicle states it is reported that a British submarine has penetrated to the Golden Horn (Constantinople), damaging the arsenal. The workmen and populace were panic-stricken.

New Haven Jury Deadlocked.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Jan. 7.—After being out ten hours the jury in the New Haven conspiracy trial had not yet reached a verdict at 2 o'clock this morning.

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